(b) if so, by when it is likely to be introduced to get rid of corrupt officers early by simplification of procedure of prosecution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) According to information received from the Department of Personnel & Training, no such proposal is under consideration in so far as the matter relates to the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

(b) Does not arise.

Committee to suggest measures to arrest crime graph

3432. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are likely to appoint shortly a high powered committee to suggest effective means to tackle the rising crimes and violences graph in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when it is likely to be set up and with what terms of reference; and

(d) whether the representatives of the State Governments where the incidence of crimes are very high are likely to be included in the proposed committee and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SH. I.D. SWAMI): (a) No proposal to appoint such a committee is under Government's consideration.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Negotiations with NSCN

3433. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the latest status of negotiations process between the Government and NSCN held so far;

(b) the details of the outcome achieved by Government in restoring peace in the NER; and

(c) the details of the effective measures being taken by Government to control and tackle the law and order situation prevailing in the entire NER

despite the negotiation peace process initiated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) It would not be in public interest to divulge the details of talks with the NSCN(I/M) at this stage.

(b) The Government is committed to restoration of peace and has extended an invitation to all those who have strayed from the paths of togetherness to come forward for talks within the four corners of our Constitution. Besides the NSCN(I/M), the Government has also declared suspension of operations against the "Bodo Liberation Tiger'. The NSCN(K) has also declared a Cease Fire with security forces.

(c) Steps taken by the Government to combat militancy in the North East include, *inter-alia,* deployment of Central Para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence between the security forces; modernisation/upgradation of State Police forces; reimbursement of security related expenditure; sanction of Special Central Assistance to the State Governments; declaration of the most seriously affected areas as "disturbed areas' and notification of the major insurgent groups as unlawful associations'. The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate action.

Citizenship for Pak nationals

3434. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider to give citizenship to the Pak nationals who are staying with their families in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of such people staying in the Kerala and the average age of such persons; and

(d) whether Government would give them citizenship after considering the age and health condition of such people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Applications for the grant of Indian